

This Sun (1st Mar) Readings

1st Reading –Genesis12: 1-4

Psalm –33

2nd Reading –2 Timothy 1: 8-10

Gospel – Matthew 17: 1-9

Intentions

6pm Allan Fowler RIP

9am Hilda Knight RIP

11am The People of the Parish



Parish Of St Simon Stock



28th February 2026

2nd Sunday of Lent A

Hymns for 11am Mass: 301, 74, 951, 151, 891, 801

Ent Antiphon Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

Psalm response: *May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O LORD.*

Gospel Acc: **Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father. From a bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my beloved Son, listen to him'.**

Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.

Com. Anti: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

Mon 10am Feria

Tue 10am Feria

Wed 10am Feria

Thu 10am Feria

Fri 7.15pm **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

8pm Feria

Amber Fenn RIP

Lucio De Vergori RIP

Funeral Mass of Elizabeth Pollitt RIP

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM

David Rowe RIIP

Sabu Joseph RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Friday 7.15pm to 7.45pm Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm

Next Sun (8th Mar) Readings

1st Read95g –Exodus 17: 3-7

Psalm –33

2nd Reading –Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8

Gospel – John 4: 5-42

Intentions

6pm God's Blessings on the Olalusi Family

9am Happy Heavenly Mother's Day Pauline Burgess RIP

11am The People of the Parish

Deaths and Anniversaries

Please pray for all those who have died recently especially Ernie Lichfield & Martin Galliers, (Martin's funeral will be on Fri 20th March at 12.30pm) and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time of year: Lucia Burslow, Patrick Egan, Allan Fowler, Wilfred Babbs, Hilda Knight, Alexander Sinclair, Irene Worsfold, Marcella Louise, Maurizio Giacometti, Andrew Morrison, David Cox, William Meade, William Devine, Manus O'Brien and Alfred Sperinck. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Sick and Housebound: We pray for all those who are sick and the housebound., and all those in our parish and their families. **St Simon Stock, keep them in your care**

Mass Intentions: Please make cheques payable to St Simon Stock Church. See website for details of how to make a bank transfer.

100 Club (Parish Lottery) - Cash Prizes to be won monthly! Annual Subscription £12 per number. Feb Winners: £50 No 311 James Carmichael £25 No 276 Tracy & Kevin Leahy

Parish Gift Aid Scheme: If you wish your offertory and other donations to be gift-aided please contact Sandra Rocco on 07720 772089

ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

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Hello and welcome. It's great to see you! Today's Gospel has the focus on Transfiguration. The symbolism in this gospel is about confirmation, evangelization, and new life. About Jesus, who fulfils the Law and the Prophet. These also point us to John Chapter 4, which speaks about the Samaritan women. We will hear more. But this is not all. I am fascinated by Peter's spontaneity, human reaction, and values. 'Lord, it is wonderful for us to be here, if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah'. Such cultural hospitality is welcomed in all cultures. Nevertheless, we can interpret it in two ways. Firstly, it gives us the message that we all get special moments that we want to hang on to. We can't always be on the high. There is growth in the valleys also. Secondly, sometimes we build magnificent and great churches. That is great! But it is not the only means to transmit our faith. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead'. This is evangelization. Not until after his resurrection from the dead will the disciples see this fully again, and only then will the full implications begin to unfold in their understanding and mission. We came after the warning. So, we are supposed to talk about the vision. As we progress through Lent we too are given better understanding of God's love and are empowered to share that vision and love with others.

A speaker from CAFOD will be giving an appeal at all Masses this weekend in aid of the Lent Fast Day. Please use the envelopes at the back of the church to make your donation. Fr Joseph Donkor

Part-Time Parish Cleaner for the Presbytery. Applicant must have previous professional cleaning experience and current permission to work in the UK and must also provide a current reference. **Hours:** 4 hours per week (on one day) This will be a 12 mth fixed term contract. **Pay:** £13 - £14 per hour, depending on experience.

Interested? Job description can be obtained from Parish Office. CV and covering letter to be handed into Parish Office. **All applications must be in by 8th March.**

Fr Joseph Donkor, 5, Bleakwood Road, Walderslade, Kent. ME5 0NF. Email: josephdonkor@rcaos.org.uk

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Parish News

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAYS 7.15PM DURING LENT

If you would like to lead this please contact the parish office to book a date. The only date now available is 6th March. Fr Joseph will also hold the Stations of the Cross on Mondays after 10am Mass during Lent.

UCM FAMILY FUN QUIZ IN AID OF MARY'S MEALS

This year the theme is UK Railway Stations. Sheets will be on sale after all weekend masses this week and next week. Answers to be handed to a UCM Member or to Parish Office by 23rd March. Winners will be informed by 27th March and Answers will be available in Church and on Website by 28th March. Quiz Sheets cost £2

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Stella Maris are organising their inaugural Lourdes Pilgrimage, which will take place at the end of May. The Pilgrimage is open to sick, retired and active seafarers and fishers from the UK and EU, and there are still spaces available. If you know anyone who might be interested in joining us, please contact Deacon John Fogarty on 07851 019134

DROP IN SESSIONS WITH FR JOSEPH

Tues 7pm to 9pm for anyone who wishes to see him about anything. Virtual session is available also for all parishioners living in London and those who maybe cannot get to church as easily. Ring Josie, Sandra, and Tanya in the office to make appointment!

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSIONS 2026

these will run on Saturday mornings, 10.00 – 13.00 approx. on 18th April, 11th July and 17th October. If you would like your child to be baptised please let the office know which session you will be attending.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP (BY APPOINTMENT)

We usually meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month in the hall. If you would like to come along ON 10TH March please email the church and we will put you in touch with one of the members of the group to discuss arrangements for attending.

100 CLUB SUBS

All subs need to be paid by the end of February £12 per number. Please either bring an envelope marked 100 Club with your name on to the parish office or pay by bank transfer to St Simon Stock Roman Catholic 60-50-01 79144055

COLLECTIONS

22/2/26: 1st Coll GA £94, Non-GA £144.85 2nd Coll GA £20, Non GA £108.98 Dev Fund

Our budget that has been set for 2026 is £84,450. This is not money that we have, it is what we need to find through our weekend collections.

Community Events

Sun 1 Mar	2 nd Collection for CAFOD
Mon 2 Mar	Cubs in the parish Hall 5.30pm to 7pm Rosary on Zoom at 6pm RCIA in parish office at 7.30pm
Tue 3 Mar	Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm UCM in the parish hall at 7.30pm
Wed 4 Mar	Funeral of Elizabeth Pollitt at 10am ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM
Thu 5 Mar	Beavers & Scouts in the parish hall 5.45pm to 9pm Adult choir at 8pm in the Church
Fri 6 Mar	Confirmation Class in the Parish Hall at 6.30pm Stations of the Cross at 7.15pm
Sat 7 Mar	Legion of Mary Meeting at 10am in the Parish Office
Sun 8 Mar	No 2 nd Collection CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 11AM MASS
Mon 9 Mar	Cubs in the parish Hall 5.30pm to 7pm Rosary on Zoom at 6pm RCIA in parish office at 7.30pm
Tue 10 Mar	Evening Prayer on Zoom at 6pm Bereavement Support Group in Parish Hall at 7pm
Wed 11 Mar	ADORATION 2PM TO 10PM
Thu 12 Mar	Beavers & Scouts in the parish hall 5.45pm to 9pm Adult choir at 8pm in the Church
Fri 13 Mar	Confirmation Class in the Parish Hall at 6.30pm Stations of the Cross at 7.15pm
Sat 14 Mar	Legion of Mary Meeting at 10am in the Parish Office
Sun 15 Mar	2 nd coll Medway Foodbank Mass In Polish at 5pm

Prayer for Peace

Father in Heaven, have mercy on us and on the whole world! You sent Your Son, the Prince of Peace, for the salvation of the world. We pray that the Peace of Christ will reign in the whole world. Please protect and send aid to those who are at-risk. We pray for peace - we pray for all who are working towards it and for all who are in danger from these conflicts. We pray for an end to violence and war, we pray for wisdom for all leaders who have a hand in this. Lord God, please help those in most need of your mercy. Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us! Saint Joseph, Protector of Mary, Jesus and the Church, pray for us! Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace, may your kingdom reign in all the world. Amen

When I need help...



In these difficult times when finances are stretched to the limit, it is our Christian duty to help others. If you need financial support, please call Fr Joseph on the parish mobile or speak to him confidentially in person.